

# DOJ Consumer Protection Unit Warns Delawareans About Scam Jury Duty Calls

Attorney General Matt Denn and the Department of Justice Consumer Protection Unit warns Delawareans that a rash of scam calls regarding jury duty are being placed to Delawareans.

In the scam, the consumer is told over the phone that they failed to report to jury duty and that a sheriff will arrest them. The consumer is then told he or she can pay a fine and that the caller will not send the sheriff to apprehend them.

There are some indicators that these calls are a scam. Delawareans eligible for jury duty are always notified about their obligation to serve jury duty by mail; never by telephone, and the sheriffs in Delaware do not have arrest powers. If you are an adult Delaware resident, a registered voter, possess a Delaware driver's license or state ID card, and are a U.S. citizen, you may be called for jury duty in Delaware. Consumers should always be diligent about their duty to serve as a juror, and, when summoned, appear as required. Consumers who are unsure whether they have missed a summons to jury duty, can and should contact Jury Services at the Superior Court by calling 302-255-0800, ext. 2.

The Attorney General cautions all consumers to be diligent about suspicious phone calls by:

- If the phone call regards jury duty, checking with the Delaware Superior Court to see whether you have been summoned;
- Never agreeing to pay any fine or other money over the phone;
- Not answering calls from unknown numbers or unfamiliar persons; and
- Hanging up on aggressive callers, particularly those who

threaten you with arrest.

The Attorney General encourages consumers who believe they may have been scammed to call the toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424 or email the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit at [consumer.protection@delaware.gov](mailto:consumer.protection@delaware.gov). If you receive a call but have not paid any money to the scammers, you can report the phone number to the National Do Not Call Registry and file a complaint, [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).